



NCGA Position

Title: Trade Policy
Position Number: I-B-1

Date: 7/07
Expires: 3/08

Background: The export of corn and corn products is vital to the nation's economy, its balance of payments and the profitability of corn production. The development and maintenance of fair and open global trade practices and policies are essential.

U.S. corn farmers support world agricultural production based on comparative economic advantage and endorse multilateral liberalization of trade as a way to raise the standard of living of all people.

We support a consistent U.S. trade policy so corn and corn products will not be disadvantaged for the advancement of another sector.

Resolution/Position:

1. Initiate and support programs to build long term global demand for corn and corn products.
2. Support worldwide elimination of export subsidies and barriers to free trade.
3. Develop and provide corn products to meet the demands of modern global consumption.
4. Support normal trade relations for all trading partners.
5. Seek resumption of normal trade relations with Cuba.
6. Support repeal of the Jackson/Vanik Amendment and the Stevenson Amendment.
7. Oppose any form of cargo preference.
8. Support exemption of food, feed, agricultural products, medicine and medical supplies from any and all unilateral sanctions imposed on foreign countries by the United States.
9. Support compensation for producers for any economic loss or the loss of reputation as a reliable supplier if U.S. government policy inhibits exports of corn or value-added products.
10. Encourage the U.S. government to respond appropriately when artificial barriers or unsubstantiated restrictions are imposed on U.S. agricultural products.
11. Support appropriate use of U.S. antidumping laws and strengthen international laws to prevent abuse.
12. Support reauthorization of funding in the 2007 farm bill for P.L.480 Title 1, loans, Title II, the Food for Progress Program and reauthorization of the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.



13. Support the reauthorization of Trade Promotion Authority.
14. Support continued membership by the U.S. in the World Trade Organization (WTO).
15. Support the authority of WTO to arbitrate trade disputes and implement enforcement actions.
16. Support appropriate economic incentives to accomplish identity preserved grain channeling.
17. Oppose U.S. and foreign trade barriers that negatively impact the price and availability of imported inputs.



NCGA Position

Title: Trade Negotiations
Position Number: I-B-2

Date: 7/07
Expires: 3/08

Background: U.S. government policy must clearly and consistently promote the liberalization of the world's trading system through both multilateral and bilateral negotiations that assure U.S. corn and corn products full access to world markets.

The U.S. corn industry is highly dependent on other sectors of American agriculture. By fully analyzing trade agreement effects on customers, we can ascertain long term effects on the corn industry.

Resolution/Position:

1. Support agricultural negotiations in the Doha Round of the World Trade Organization and U.S. priorities in the "Framework Agreement".
2. We support efforts of the U.S. trade negotiations for the increase in meaningful and achievable access to foreign markets.
3. We will analyze all trade agreements and fully support those that enhance market access for corn and corn products while judiciously protecting programs that are necessary to ensure a strong viable agriculture economy. In principle we support redirecting trade distorting payments enabling WTO compliance.
4. Support bilateral free trade agreements, to assure the greatest possible opportunities for U.S. corn growers.
5. Insist the U.S. government ensure that the agricultural negotiating team includes adequate experience, expertise and knowledge of U.S. production agriculture.
6. Support sanitary and phytosanitary regulations consistent with uniform, science-based, internationally accepted standards.
7. Support the full implementation of NAFTA.
8. Oppose non-transparent state trading enterprises.
9. Support full implementation of the CAFTA agreement.
10. Support elimination of trade barriers for agricultural products derived from biotechnology including the European Union's biotech labeling and traceability regulations.
11. Support WTO trade negotiations that allow greater foreign market access for U.S. agricultural products without compromising the basic integrity of U.S. domestic farm support.



NCGA Position

Title: Foreign Market Development
Position Number: I-B-3

Date: 7/07
Expires: 3/08

Background: Effective foreign market development programs for corn and corn product exports involving the cooperator program through the U.S. Grains Council (USGC), USA Poultry and Egg Export Council (USAPEEC), and U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) should be financed supported by funding from state checkoff programs and federal dollars through the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). These market development programs should be conducted to maximize efficiency and coordination between NCGA and USGC through efforts to expand the industrial uses of corn and corn products.

USMEF, USAPEEC, and other cooperator organizations should be encouraged to expand overseas markets, thereby increasing demand for domestic corn.

Resolution/Position:

1. Support USGC, USAPEEC, and USMEF to develop and expand international markets.
2. Support level funding authorization in Title III of the 2007 farm bill for both the Market Access Program funding cap and the Market Development Cooperator Program funding level.
3. Support effective foreign economic development programs that enhance the competitive advantage of U.S. corn and corn products.
4. Support use of GSM-102 as a commercial export credit guarantee program for corn, corn co-products, livestock and poultry products without limitations to the type or amount of commodities purchased.
5. Facilitate the export of corn co-products and value-added grains from producer owned and controlled businesses by helping these groups participate in market development programs.
6. Encourage USDA to promote, support, and expand the facilities guarantee program throughout the world to develop infrastructure that facilitates U.S. agricultural exports.